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HAVANA COMMENTS ON REAGAN'S SPEECH TO OAS

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(TEXT) THE ANNOUNCED SPEECH BY RONALD REAGAN TO THE OAS, IN WHICH HE PRESENTED HIS SO-CALLED CARIBBEAN BASIN PLAN, WAS A MIXTURE OF LIES, CYNICISM AND THREATS. IGNORING THE MEANING OF THE WORD COLONIALISM, THE U.S. PRESIDENT ACCUSED CUBA OF TRYING TO INTRODUCE A NEW KIND OF COLONIALISM, WITH WHICH HE DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN HIS IGNORANCE OF HISTORY AND HIS UNLIMITED CYNICISM. REAGAN FORGOT PAST AND PRESENT HISTORY AND WITH A REAL DISPLAY OF DEMAGOGY DECLARED HIMSELF CHAMPION OF PEACE AND DEFENDER OF THE CARIBBEAN PEOPLES, TO WHOM HE OFFERED THE RIDICULOUS SUM OF \$350 MILLION AS ECONOMIC AID. IN TRUTH, THE SO-CALLED AID IS ONLY AN ATTEMPT TO END THE ECONOMIC DETERIORATION AND POLITICAL LOSS OF PRESTIGE OF THE OAS, AN ORGANIZATION SUBORDINATE TO U.S. IMPERIALIST INTERESTS.

IN HIS SPEECH TO THE OAS THE U.S. PRESIDENT STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA SHOULD BUY MORE ARMS FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF GUARANTEEING WHAT HE CALLED FREEDOM IN THE AREA. IN REALITY, THE HEAD OF THE YANKEE GOVERNMENT IS SUBORDINATING THE SO-CALLED ECONOMIC AID TO THE AREA'S COUNTRIES TO GREATER EXPENDITURES IN ARMS BY THESE COUNTRIES TO REPRESS THEIR PEOPLES. OF COURSE THE BENEFICIARIES WILL BE THE MONOPOLIES WHICH MANUFACTURE WAR EQUIPMENT. RONALD REAGAN THREATENED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE AREA'S SECURITY, WHICH, IN HIS HYPOCRITICAL LANGUAGE, MEANS MILITARY AID TO THE TYRANNIES SUCH AS THE ONE IN EL SALVADOR, AND EVENTUALLY DIRECT INTERVENTION. AS A RECIPE FOR RESOLVING POVERTY AND HUNGER, HE ANNOUNCED HIS PLAN FOR STRENGTHENING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN THE AREA BY MEANS OF INVESTMENTS AND FREE TRADE.

WITH THE WAIVER OF CUSTOMS TARIFFS FOR EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE \$350 MILLION, RONALD REAGAN IS PRETENDING TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN PEOPLES. IN HIS SPEECH TO THE OAS, REAGAN AVOIDED REPLYING TO THE PROPOSALS OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO, WHO IN HIS RECENT STATEMENT DESCRIBED IN REALISTIC TERMS THE DRAMATIC SITUATION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, REAGAN STRESSED HIS PLAN FOR THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA, BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF INVADING THE AREA'S ECONOMIES WITH PRIVATE CAPITAL, AND THUS REVIVING THE MARSHALL PLAN INTRODUCED IN EUROPE AFTER WORLD WAR II. THE MARSHALL PLAN SUBORDINATED THE EUROPEAN ECONOMY TO THE U.S. ECONOMY, AND NOW REAGAN WANTS TO DO THE SAME IN THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

IN A REAL DISPLAY OF CYNICISM, THE U.S. PRESIDENT QUOTED OUR NATIONAL HERO, JOSE MARTI, THUS TRYING TO HIDE HIS BELLICOSE AND PROVOCATIVE POLICY. MARTI SAID: HUMANITY IS COMPOSED OF THOSE WHO LOVE AND CREATE AND OF THOSE WHO HATE AND DESTROY, PRECISELY REFERRING TO THE IMPERIALIST AND CRIMINAL ROLE OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES. HOWEVER, REAGAN GAVE ANOTHER CONNOTATION TO THOSE WORDS WHICH SHOWED HIS EMOTIONAL HATRED TOWARD CUBA. IN HIS SPEECH TO THE OAS HE SPOKE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRACIES IN LATIN AMERICA, BUT HE DID NOT STATE CLEARLY TO WHICH NATIONS HE WAS REFERRING. OF COURSE, REAGAN DID NOT MENTION THAT FASCIST GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS THE ONES IN URUGUAY, CHILE, PARAGUAY, BOLIVIA AND EL SALVADOR WERE IMPOSED UPON THE PEOPLES ON THE ORDERS OF U.S. LEADERS.

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